SHRI P. K. THUNGON: Sir, that is why I have been repeating that the policy is to refer to the BIFR....*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is going to be a full-scale discussion on it and I think we should move on to the next question ... *(Interruptions)*... The Government is willing to have a full-scale discussion ... *(Interruptions)*... Please listen to me. I have not permitted you. Nothing will go on record... *(Interruptions)*...There are so many people and so many questions; I can only permit a few. The Government is offering a full-scale discussion and we can dscuss these issues then...*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Meanwhile the Bill will be passed...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thungon, will you discuss it in tis session?...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI P. K. THUNGON: Yes, Sir, in this session...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: As Mr. Desai has pointed out, the Government as brought forward a legislation to amend the BIFR *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 103

Preference to SNAM Progetti Fertilizer Plant

*103. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:†
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of Snam Progetti Fertilizer Plant was Rs. 700 crores, while Kellogg fertilizer plant of the same capacity was available at Rs. 400 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Snam Progetti and Kellogg plants have big variations in regard to consumption of gas and electricity; and

(c) if so, the reasons for giving preference to Snam Progetti Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(a) No, Sir. The relevant details of cost of plants of comparable vintage and size using these two technologies are given below:

Statement

Name of the Company	Location	Technology used	Annual prodn. capacity in terms of 'N' (000MT)	Year of commissioning	Capital cost	
					Approved cost	Completed cost
					(Rs. in crores)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers Limited	Thal	Haldor Topsoe for Ammonia & Snam progetti for Urea	683	1985	919·00	980·00
2. Krishak Bharati Coop, Ltd,	Hazira	Kellogg for Ammonia and Snam progetti for Urea	668	1986	957·00	890·00

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

(b) The guaranteed consumption of gas and electricity in the case of Haldor Topsoe/Snamprogetti plants is lower than the guaranteed consumption of Kellog plant in Hazira.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: My question was about the cost of Snamprogetti Fertilizer Plant, but in the answer they have mixed up both the things. The point is that my question covers the entire aspect. The question is what the quotation was which was offered and what was accepted for urea and ammonia production plants by Snamprogetti and Kellog. This was the question and, Sir, they have combined both and, so, it does not become clear. It is said that urea is being produced by Snamprogetti and ammonia by Kellog. I think they have mixed up this question. This is my first point. I think I will have to repeat my question. The relevant question would be whether the technology that was used at that time was up to the international standard and the production that is there today in this plant is up to the international level or through outdated technology.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Urea and ammonia are clubbed together in one plant. Snamprogetti is manufacturing urea and their technology is very relevant and it was accepted in an international bidding. For the information of the honourable Member, I would like to say that when Mr. Devi Lal was the Deputy Prime Minister, here in the very House he said that Snamprogetti was accepted in an international bidding. If you want, I will place it on the Table of the House.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I am not asking about that and I am not asking whether it was international bidding or some other bidding. I am asking you why you are answering my question in an entirely different manner. For ammonia what was the quotation and what was accepted in the case of Kellogg and for urea what was quotation and what was accepted? This was my question and now you are saying two things and you are mixing them up. Therefore, my first question still remains and even the supplementary I have not started. If the Minister is not ready, Sir, he can ask for more time.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Actually, Sir, this question is not correct. Kellogg people have not written any letter to the Government saying that they will manufacture thousand tonnes of urea per day at a cost of Rs. 400 crores. There is no such letter in the Government records... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I am not asking about that. Why are you answering my question differently? I am asking my question on the basis of the information supplied by you only.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, I have already given the answer in the statement saying that the Rashtriya Chemicals has taken up the Snamprogetti project and the cost is about Rs. 890 crores. The Krishak Bharati Co-operative Ltd. has taken up in Hazira the Kellogg technology which is also coming to about Rs. 890 crores. Both are cost-effective and the consumption of gas and electricity is in a very competitive weay and that is why we have selected them.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: But in your statement you have said that at Hazira Kellogg is there for ammonia and Snamprogetti for urea and, so, at Hazira also Snamprogetti has come. So, you are saying that at Hazira it is Kellogg and at That it is Snamprogett, I think you have to read your own statement properly and answer me.

Sir, I have not started my supplementary as yet. This is how the whole thing has hapened. Therefore, I am saying that since the Minister may be busy with something else, he can take more time and answer my question proeprly.... *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, already, when Mr. Devi Lal was here, he had said... *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: How does Mr. Devi Lal come in this? He does not come into the picture... (*Interruptions*)... He is not an authority on fertilizier plants and he does not know whether it was international bidding or some other bidding... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, what answer I have to give I have already given and he can put his supplementary and I am prepared to answer... (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mehta, he has given the answer that he is using Snamporgetti for urea and Kellogg for ammonia. That is what he says.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: My question is different, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You read his reply.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I have read it, Sir. Therefore, I am asking this question. My question is very simple that the fertilizer plants are producing the same kind of thing and of same capacity. Then, he should have said that Snamprogetti was not asked for this kind of quotation and the Kellogg was not asked for that kind of quotation. I can understand that. But...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you read the reply?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Yes, Sir. I have read the reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then the thing is very clear. One is doing urea and the other is doing ammonia. And I cannot blame him.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: My question was not that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now you put your supplementary. As your question was, so is the reply. Now, you can put your supplementary.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, the original question was different. Then, I would ask, how did you select for urea Snamprogetti and not Kellogg? What did you prefer and ask for quotation because then the question would go deeper. And we shall have to ask the fundamental point: Why only Snamprogetti? Therefore, Snamprogetti is being favoured here. It looks like that. I may be totally wrong. Why was Snamprogetti asked to quote for only urea, and for ammonia both were asked to quote? The point is whether Kellogg was not capable of producing urea. Why were they not asked at all to quote for urea?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Kellogg has not made any offer saying that they will produce urea of thousand tonnes per day at a cost of Rs. 400 crores. No such letter is seen in my record.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now you put your second, supplementary.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, this is not answered properly. Anyhow, the question is: What is the consumption of gas and electricity in the plants set up by Snamprogeti and Kellog? Please give the figures because you say that there is less consumption in Snamprogetti. But the item that they producing is totally different.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, Snamprogetti consumption of electricity and gas is very competitive. We have given to that Company.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I am asking the details. What is the consumption?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants the consumption of Snamprogetti.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: If the hon. member wants the details, I will write to him, Sir.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Sir, both the plants are of old technology. Are they producing the same as the plants with new technology are producing?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says both the plants are of old technology. Will it not be preferable to go in for new technology. Am I correct?

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Yes, Sir.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, if any new technology is in the mind of the hon. Member, he can write to us and we can examine it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, the hon. Minister's replies are crptic like telegrams and are not understandable to ordinary people.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You put your question.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, you have given him a certificate only during the last session that he is a renowned doctor. But, Sir, I am an ordinary man. I cannot understand him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want to be treated, he will treat you through the questions.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, let me make my point clear.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You give your symptoms

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: The cost of fertiliser to the farmer is not a party question. You have done a very clever job, I mean your officers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you complimenting him?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: You may not know anything about what he said. (*Interruptions*). Sir, you should appreciate Shri Chimanbhai Mehta, who was asking the question properly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I appreciate him. But you put your question.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: You should not join in...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni, leave appreciations. This is Question Hour, not the appreciation hour.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: They have clubbed together both these processes. This is wrong. The symptom and thrust of the question for the manufacture of ammonia, Haldor Topsoe is also a part of Snamprogetti. Haldor Topsoe is not a different company. Haldor Topsce and Snamprogetti are combined together to supply fertilizer plants in India. My question is: Kellog has also quoted for ammonia as well as urea. The World Bank has published all these things. They have come to the conclusion that the Snamprogetti—Haldor Topsoe technology is costlier. Your contention, Mr. Chinta Mohan, is that Shri Devi Lal says this. If I remember rightly, Shri Devi Lal is no expert on anything. But he said here that he will inquire, if I am right. As Deputy Prime Minister he said, he will inquire as to what is the requirement. Ultimately, it relates to farmers. What has been done, God help them. I don't mind. But while purchasing the consumption of gas and electricity have been very adversely commented.

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For heaven's sake, please try to understand. You are a doctor of medicine. But this is a chemical matter. For heaven's sake please assure this House that you will go through the World Bank report and letters and tenders given. I assert that the technology offered by Kellog was definitely superior and of less cost. If you can assure us, all right; otherwise come in the next Session. We will do it again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did Kellog also quote for urea?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If so, what was the position? Let the House:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, these two companies...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him answer.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Tendering and all that has not happened during this Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Government continues. You cannot escape. If anything is

done by your predecessors—whether in V. P. Singh's Government or in Shri Rajiv Gandhi's Government—that will continue.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, the suggestion given by...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: This is the first time when we are beginning to here the doctrine of 'starting'.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: On the suggestion given by the hon. Member to go through the World Bank report, I will definitely...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You study it. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Jadhav.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: This is not fair. My respectful submission is...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot interpret him.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: It is the property of the House. You have put the question properly. Let him answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not permitted you. Mr. Jadhav.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, in the reply it is mentioned that for Haldor Topsoe for ammonia and Snamprogetti for urea annual production capacity was 684,000 milion tonnes. It was commissioned in 1985 with the approved cost of Rs. 919 crores. The total capacity of Hazira project was 668,000 million tonnes in 1986 with the approved cost of Rs. 957.70 crores. But in spite of that both these projects have been commissioned at a cost of Rs. 890 crores. That means we have commissioned these fertilizers plants at a less cost than the approved cost. I would like to know, when the capacity of snamprogetti plant is 683 thousand tonnes and of the other one is 668 thousand tonnes, how the same cost has been arrived at Rs. 890 crores. One project was commissioned in 1985 and the other was commissioned in 1986. I would also like to know, when ammonia and urea both are the contents of nitrogen fertilizer, that is, the total production of nitrogen is either in the form of urea or ammonia, what is the quantum of nitrogen manufactured from ammonia at the Thal project, and what quantum of nitrogen is manufactured from ammonia and urea respectively at Hazira project.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Last year, for Thal project, with the Haldor Topso technology, they produced at the rate of about 6.8 lakh tonnes per annum of nitrogen. The hon. Member asked about the Hazira plant. It is manufacturing about 6.6 lakh tonnes per annum.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wanted to know separately about nitrogen manufactured from urea and ammonia.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: The cost of production is same. Why should the cost not be different when the capacity of one project is more than the other? It is a very simple question I have asked.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: The question here is about technology. The hon. Member is asking about mitrogens, and I will need a separate notice for it.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVARAO JADHAV: I am putting this question based on your own reply. I am not asking anything from outside. This is from your own reply. This is a very specific and a technical question. Hon. Minister must come prepared to reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next quesion, 104.

आकाशवाणी के इलाहाबाद केन्द्र के उन्नयन की योजना

*104. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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(ग) उसे कब तक कार्य रूप दिया जाएगा?